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Amendments To The Specification:

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 20, as follows:

In addition to the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2, the present invention includes the following proteins. Proteins whose amino acid sequences are identical to that shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 except that several amino acid sequence of these proteins are acceptable when the product proteins possess the ability to transport organic anions. Usually, numbers of the changed amino acid residues are between one to 110, preferably 1 to 55. These amino acid sequences show 80% or more, preferably 90%, identity or more homology to ~~that shown in~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 3, as follows:

In addition to the DNAs with the nucleotide sequences shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2, the present invention includes DNAs which can hybridize the cDNA shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2. The proteins encode by these DNAs must possess the ability to transport organic anions. Usually, these DNAs show more than 70%, preferably 80%, identity or more homology to ~~those shown in~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2. These DNAs include mutated genes found in nature, artificially ~~mutated~~ modified genes and the genes derived from other species of living cells.